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<sup>\*</sup>Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 24037a-5(e)

## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

	Martin E. Kauffman swear (or affirm) that, to the
be	st of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
Fi	nancial Assets Corporation , as of
no	ecember 31 , 2001 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company r any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of customer, except as follows:
	RITA M. MAHONEY  MY COMMISSION # CC 801719  EXPIRES: 01/12/2003  Signature  1-800-3-NOTARY  Notary Public  RITA M. MAHONEY  MY COMMISSION # CC 801719  EXPIRES: 01/12/2003  Signature  Title
This S S S S S S	s report** contains (check all applicable boxes):  (a) Facing page.  (b) Statement of Financial Condition.  (c) Statement of Income (Loss).  (d) Statement of Cash Flows.  (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.  (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
	<ul> <li>(g) Computation of Net Capital.</li> <li>(h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-1.</li> <li>(i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.</li> <li>(j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.</li> <li>(k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.</li> </ul>
⊠	(1) An Oath or Affirmation.
	<ul> <li>(m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.</li> <li>(n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.</li> <li>(o) Independent auditor's report on internal accounting control</li> </ul>

<sup>\*\*</sup>For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 24037a-5(e)(3).

# FINANCIAL ASSETS CORPORATION

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**December 31, 2001** 

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Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Financial Assets Corporation Boca Raton, Florida

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Financial Assets Corporation (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fiduciary Holding, Inc.) as of December 31, 2001, and the related statements of income (loss), changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Financial Assets Corporation as of December 31, 2001, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

Dollstein Luin flo. Goldstein Lewin & Co.

Boca Raton, Florida February 14, 2002

# FINANCIAL ASSETS CORPORATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2001

# **ASSETS**

Cash Commissions Receivable Securities Owned - Not readily marketable, at estimated fair value Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,087 Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets	\$	231,656 3,046 20,100 1,749 1,719
Total Assets	. \$	258,270
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Accrued Liabilities	\$	2,026
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Capital Stock, Common, \$1 Par Value; Authorized		
1,000 Shares; Issued 83.34 Shares		83
Paid-In Capital		59,600
Retained Earnings		196,561
Total Stockholder's Equity		256,244
Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity	\$	258,270

# FINANCIAL ASSETS CORPORATION STATEMENT OF INCOME (LOSS) YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

REVENUE		
Commissions	\$	693,485
Interest/Dividends		4,033
Other Income(Loss)		(16,117)
	••	681,401
EXPENSES		
Commissions		17,225
Brokerage and Clearing Fees		140,813
Communications and Data Processing		3,431
Other Expenses (Note 4)		786,793
Total Expenses		948,262
Income Before Income Taxes		(266,861)
Income Taxes		29,717
Net Loss	\$	(296,578)

# FINANCIAL ASSETS CORPORATION STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

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	Shares	_	Amount	<u>C</u>	<u>APITAL</u>	E	ARNINGS		EQUITY
Balance, December 31, 2000	83	\$	83	\$	59,600	\$	493,139	\$	552,822
Net Loss	<del></del>				-		(296,578)		(296,578)
Balance, December 31, 2001	83	\$	83	\$	59,600	\$	196,561	\$	256,244

# FINANCIAL ASSETS CORPORATION STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Loss	\$	(296,578)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Loss to		
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation		567
Forgiveness of Related Party Receivables, net		376,397
Change in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase) Decrease in:		
Commissions Receivable		4,106
Securities Owned		23,601
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets		(1,719)
(Decrease) in		
Accrued Liabilities		(2,692)
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities		103,682
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Due Related Parties, net		(3,994)
Increase in Cash		99,688
Cash:		
Beginning		131,968
Ending	\$	231,656
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF NON-CASH FINANCING ACTIVITIE	C	
Forgiveness of Related Party Receivables, net	\$ 	376,397

# FINANCIAL ASSETS CORPORATION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Nature of Business**

Financial Assets Corporation (the "Company") is primarily engaged in trading on behalf of its clientele. The Company was organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida. The Company is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fiduciary Holdings, Inc. DNB Acquisition Corporation ("DNB") owns the majority share (90%) of Fiduciary Holdings, Inc.

In connection with its activities as a broker-dealer, the Company does not hold customer funds or securities, and promptly transmits all customer funds received to its clearing firm, the Pershing Division of Donaldson, Lufkin, and Jenrette Securities Corporation ("Pershing"). Although the Company's clearing firm maintains all of the accounts of such customers and preserves all required and customary records, the Company remains contingently liable for losses incurred on these accounts.

### **Basis of Accounting**

### **Securities Transactions**

Proprietary securities transactions in regular-way trades are recorded on the trade date, as if they had settled. Profit and loss arising from all securities transactions entered into for the account and risk of the Company are recorded on a trade date basis.

Amounts receivable and payable for securities transactions that have not reached their contractual settlement date are recorded net on the statement of financial condition.

Marketable securities are valued at market value. Securities not readily marketable are valued by management based on their experience in the industry.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

### **Property and Equipment**

Property and Equipment is stated at cost. Depreciation is computed primarily using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the respective assets, generally five years.

Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If the sum of the expected future undiscounted cash flows is less than the carrying amount of the asset, a loss is recognized for the difference between the fair value and the carrying value of the asset.

# FINANCIAL ASSETS CORPORATION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## **Use of Estimates**

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company at times has cash in excess of Securities Insurance Protection Corporation ("SIPC") insurance limits. These amounts are held in proprietary accounts with the clearing firm. Cash held by the clearing firm in excess of SIPC limits amounted to approximately \$110,000 at December 31, 2001.

### **Commissions Receivable**

Commissions receivable represent amounts due the Company from investment companies relating to customer securities transactions introduced by the Company.

#### NOTE 2: SECURITIES OWNED

Not readily marketable securities owned consist of trading and investment securities at estimated fair values, as follows:

Corporate Stocks	\$ 3,300
Warrants	 16,800
	20.400
	\$ 20,100

#### NOTE 3: INCOME TAXES

DNB files consolidated federal tax returns including the accounts of the Company. For financial reporting purposes, income taxes are allocated to each subsidiary based upon the subsidiary's taxable income as if the subsidiary filed a separate tax return. As all intercompany profits and losses are eliminated upon consolidation, no effect of these transactions is included in the tax calculation.

# FINANCIAL ASSETS CORPORATION NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 3: INCOME TAXES (CONTINUED)

For the year ended December 31, 2001, the Company had net income to be included in the consolidated tax return. Income tax expense is comprised of the following at December 31, 2001:

Current tax expense:	
Federal tax expense	\$ 23,936
State tax expense	 5,781
Income Tax Expense	\$ 29,717

Income tax expense differs from the expense that would result from applying federal statutory rates to income before taxes primarily due to the write-off of intercompany net receivables (note 4) which are eliminated upon consolidation.

### NOTE 4: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In 2001, the Company forgave \$376,397 of non-allowable assets comprised of net receivables from related parties. This amount is included in other expense.

#### NOTE 5: OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK

The Company's customers' securities transactions are introduced on a fully-disclosed basis with its clearing broker/dealer, Pershing. The clearing broker/dealer is responsible for collection of and payment of funds and receipt and delivery of securities relative to customer transactions. Off-balance-sheet risk exists with respect to these transactions due to the possibility that customers may be unable to fulfill their contractual commitments wherein the clearing broker/dealer may charge any losses it incurs to the Company. The Company seeks to minimize this risk through procedures designed to monitor the creditworthiness of its customers and proper executions of customer transactions by the clearing broker/dealer.

### NOTE 6: NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2001, the Company had net capital of \$232,676 which was \$182,676 in excess of its required net capital of \$50,000. The Company's net capital ratio was .01 to 1.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY RULE 17a-5 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

To the Board of Directors Financial Assets Corporation Boca Raton, Florida

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Financial Assets Corporation as of December 31, 2001, and for the year then ended, and have issued our report thereon dated February 14, 2002. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Goldstein Lewin & Co.

Boca Raton, Florida February 14, 2002

# FINANCIAL ASSETS CORPORATION COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS AND NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1

AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS Accrued Liabilities	\$ 2,026
NET CAPITAL	
Total Stockholder's Equity from	
the Statement of Financial Condition	\$ 256,244
Deductions:	
Total Nonallowable Assets	
Not Readily Marketable Securities	20,100
Equipment, net	1,749
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets	 1,719
	 23,568
Net Capital	232,676
Minimum Required Net Capital	 50,000
Excess Net Capital at 1500%	\$ 182,676
Excess Net Capital at 1000%	\$ 232,473
Ratio of Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital	0.01 to 1

## FINANCIAL ASSETS CORPORATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(d)(4) December 31, 2001

Reconciliation with the Company's computation of net capital (included in Part II of Form X-17A-5 as of December 31, 2001).

Net Capital, as reported in Company's Part II (unaudited) FOCUS Report	\$ 202,179
Commission Receivables, reclassified Adjustment to decrease Accrued Liabilities	 3,046 27,451
Net Capital per above	\$ 232,676

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN LIABILITIES SUBORDINATED TO CLAIMS OF GENERAL CREDITORS

There were no liabilities subordinated to the claims of general creditors at December 31, 2001.

# STATEMENT PURSUANT TO EXEMPTIVE PROVISION UNDER RULE 15c3-3

The Company is currently exempt from the requirement to maintain a "Special Reserve Account for the Exclusive Benefit of Customers" under provisions of SEC Rule 15c3-3 based upon Paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of the Rule.



Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

To the Board of Directors Financial Assets Corporation Boca Raton, Florida

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Financial Assets Corporation (the "Company"), for the year ended December 31, 2001, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
- 2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payments for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

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Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted the following matters involving the control activities and its operation that we consider to be a material weakness as defined above. These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing, and extent of the procedures to be performed in our audit of the financial statements of Financial Assets Corporation, for the year ended December 31, 2001, and this report does not affect our report thereon dated February 14, 2002. Control activities designed to assure compliance with the periodic computation of aggregate indebtedness and net capital were not followed. Policies and procedures were implemented to assure current and future compliance.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2001, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Goldstein Zerrin & Co.

Boca Raton, Florida February 14, 2002